

REMARKS

The examination of article claims 1 to 5 and the withdrawal of heat treatment method claims 6 to 9 is acknowledged.

The examined claims have been amended to overcome the stated claim objection; new claims 10 and 11 have been added based upon the disclosure in the specification at page 7, lines 9 to 15. The new claims are directed to preferred embodiments of the invention. Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the claim objection and to incorporate the features of now-canceled claims 2 and 3. The Examiner will note also that the tensile strength value in claim 1 as revised is "295 MPa or more" based upon the disclosure at page 7, lines 9 to 15. It is shown there that the 305 MPa value is a preferred embodiment, which now appears in new claim 10. Lastly, claim 1 now specifies that the cast aluminum is one that "consists essentially of" the recited ingredients.

The rejection of claims 1 to 5 under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by JP '739, if applied to claims 1, 4, 5, 10, and 11, is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 as amended specifies that the cast Al alloy "consists essentially of" designated quantities of Si, Mg, and Sr. The Examiner is directed to the discussion in the

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specification at page 8, line 24 to page 9, line 2 indicating that the representative alloy materials do not contain as minor components metals other than those described on page 8, lines 24 to 27. JP '739, as the Examiner indicates in the second full paragraph of Section 6 of the Office Action, contains ingredients that are not recited in the present claims. JP '739 does not teach or suggest the invention as claimed and the rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner is thanked for acknowledging that certified copies of the priority document have been received from the International Bureau and for listing references provided with an Information Disclosure Statement.

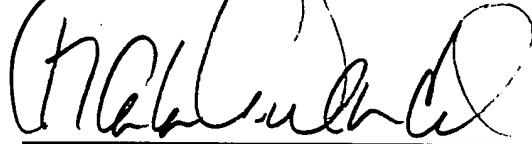
In view of the foregoing revisions and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition or allowance.

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If the only barrier to allowance is the presence of non-elected claims 6 to 9, the Examiner is authorized to cancel those claims for that express purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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